

## JUNE 2010 - Newsletter 1



### FROM THE BOARD

**Exeter, Capital city of Devonshire was end of April the place to be, when about 150 MyOcean partners met for our first Annual Review.**

The Annual review allows the project partners community to present the main project milestones to the EC and their experts. The Two days meeting were organised in the Met-Office buildings and we warmly thank the team for the organisation. Professor Julia Slingo, Officer of the British Empire, Met-Office Chief Scientist did honour us by opening the first-day session.

Part of the Annual Review was dedicated to WP achievements, objectives and ...difficulties: a good opportunity for exchanging experiences and for team building. We shall all strive for V1 implementation success at year end, our most challenging step for the months to come.

This summer will start the first integration tests between Production Centres and the MIS on one hand, and between the MIS and the Web Portal on the other hand. At the same time, the First period reporting is soon to be closed soon.

One year after Kick-off, we are on the right tracks. The outlook is cluttered by a few issues although well identified. There are now two years to go to achieve success together.

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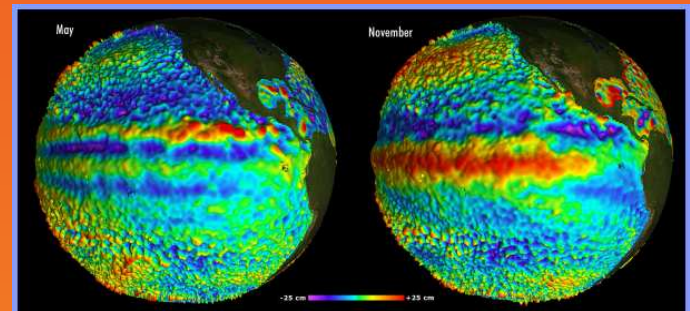
### ABOUT PRODUCTION

**The production centre design workshop is an important step in the development phase for all the MyOcean production units, it took place in Brest on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

This workshop will ensure that all the elements needed for the integration of the MyOcean V1 system are available. During the 2 days all the production units assessed their compliance with the top level requirements, that scientific and technical validation of the MyOcean products are ensured and documented and that the interfaces between production units, the MyOcean Information System and the Web Portal are well defined.

The development plan of each production centre presented during the annual meeting in April at Exeter has shown that V1 MyOcean services will be reached with an upgrade of the quality of the products delivered by the production centres and monitoring of the MyOcean production and services.

### SEEN ON THE WEBSITE



#### Flash back on El Nino, waiting for La Nina...

El Nino was present until last winter announcing next La Nina's coming. Let's have a last look on the outstanding 3D animation of this phenomena on the website.

"Cyclones are sweeping the Pacific more than usual, whereas the last Atlantic hurricane season was a bit on the low side. El Niño, this ocean/climate phenomenon is back, wrecking havoc in climate worldwide..."

[Learn and see more on the website](#)

### ABOUT SERVICE

**Since 17 May 2010, an updated SLA (Service Level Agreement) form has been proposed by the service desk to each user who wants to download MyOcean products.**

This SLA, which is made up of a user information section, a list of the catalogue products to be selected, the MyOcean service commitments and MyOcean licence, has to be filled in and signed (tick box) by the user before being sent to the service desk for them to open the service.

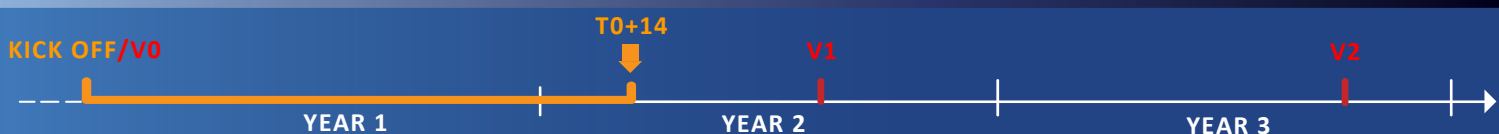
As soon as the service desk opens the service (by giving access code to user), it sends a copy of the SLA to production units involved and stores the SLA information in a dedicated user database.

This SLA is used for all standard users: those who are directly contracting the service desk as well as WP18 users. (Standard+ users do not exist at this stage of the service).

Streamlining this process by using only one form has already reduced service request resolution times.

You can have access and read the SLA form in Alfresco (1-10 Deliverables/SLA Templates)

### DAYS TO END OF PROJECT



**111** Products on the catalogue

COMMUNICATION

The Communication team is happy to provide all MyOcean partners with latest useful materials for their dissemination purposes.

As from June end, you will be able to reach in ALFRESCO (Library/Documents/10-Communication):

- ✓ Latest general Leaflet (2 faces/ to be printed on 250g white-coated paper)
- ✓ Latest press releases
- ✓ Pictures of MyOcean panels and kakemonos (provided they are available, they can be sent over to you in the event of conferences or workshop, please use: [contact-com@myocean.eu](mailto:contact-com@myocean.eu))

As soon as our next leaflets by application (*Marine resources, Marine Safety, Coastal Marine and Environment, Climate Weather and Seasonal Forecasting*) will be issued, they will be posted in ALFRESCO.



**Approximately 150 people from 51 partner institutions braved the Icelandic volcano ash to attend the first MyOcean Annual Review on 27 & 28 April 2010, which was held in the UK Met Office premises in Exeter, UK.**

The annual review was attended by EC reviewers (Peter Ryder and René Steiner) and by Hans Dahlin (Eurogoos), Trine Christiansen (EEA), Eleni Paliouras (ESA) and Tim Haigh (EEA) from the main European agencies.

The meeting was opened by Julia Slingo, Met Office Chief Scientist (central picture above), who welcomed the MyOcean consortium and stressed the scope and the importance of the present and future products and applications in Myocean.

Work package leaders presented the main achievements of the period to the EC reviewers.

The MFCs have developed new models with successful transitions to NEMO and improvement of existing models through better resolution or increased robustness.

There is a general improvement of Product Quality in the TACs, most of V1 products already ready and up-stream data procurement (ESA, Eumetsat, CNES, NASA) is secured.

Product Quality and CalVal activities have started, aiming to produce metrics and provide them to users by V1.

The Service Desk has been set up and is operating successfully (64 users) and MyOcean is “registered” with INSPIRE. Meanwhile the FTSS has been finalized and the catalogue now includes 111 products. WP18 has collected 33 URDs and is preparing the UARs thereby making sure that MyOcean is interacting with all categories of users.



**Testimony and impressions of Peter Ryder about the MyOcean First Annual Review :**

“Progress made by the individual Work Packages during the first year is satisfactory or better. Now priority needs to be given to integrating these efforts to deliver the products and services required by MyOcean users”

GMES CORNER

**The Proposal for a GMES Regulation will probably be adopted by the European Parliament in June 2010.**

On 5 May 2010, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed an amended text of the Regulation and mandated the Spanish Presidency of the EU to send this document to the Chairman of the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee of the European Parliament with a view of a First Reading Agreement on this Regulation and its subsequent adoption by the European Parliament.

The Work Programme 2011 of the FP7 “Space” theme – which includes the call for proposals for the operational continuity of GMES services

in the Marine Area, i.e. MyOcean-2 – will be discussed by its Programme Committee in June 2010 for an adoption planned in July 2010. The launch of the call is still planned for end July 2010, for a submission deadline in November 2010.

The European Commission has announced a Call for GMES Pilot Services in the atmosphere and maritime areas to be launched by end of May 2010. For the maritime area, the call should be focused on the provision of real time information on the Arctic and Baltic ice coverage, the location and movements of icebergs, as well as on forecasts related to these issues. The estimated cost is between 1.5 and 2.5 M€ for 36-month duration.

EVENTS / MEETINGS

A selection of events and meeting in the coming months organised by or involving MyOcean.

28th June - 2nd July, Bergen (NOR), ESA Living Planet

1st - 2nd December, Toulouse (FRA), Scientific MyOcean Days

3rd December, Toulouse (FRA), Scientific Advisory Committee

